Fast Track Courts for Wildlife Cases

3090. SHRI KAMAL AKHTAR:
SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether, as recommended by the Standing Committee, Government have decided to set up fast track courts for ensuring speedy settlement of wildlife related cases;

(b) if so, the steps since taken in this regard, indicating the number and the details of network of such courts, set up or proposed to be set up in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) The National Wildlife Action Plan (2002-2016) adopted during the XXI meeting of the Indian Board for Wildlife held on 21st January 2002 under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble Prime Minister, has recommended creation of special courts for effective implementation of Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. All the State Governments have been requested to do the needful in this regard. Government of NCT of Delhi has a designated court for speedy trial of wildlife offence cases.

New Forest Policy

†3091. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have prepared a draft for the New Forest Policy;

(b) if so, the latest details thereof; and

(c) by when it is likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): *(a)* No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.